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SUBJECT: EPA STEEL PLANT VISIT

REF: (A) TOKYO 12055, (B) STATE 123360, (C) TOKYO 120122,
(D) TOKYO 7570, (E) STATE 99298, (F) TOKYO 4529

1. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW, EPA FEELS THAT VISIT PROPOSED IN
REF (A) IS NOT USEFUL. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO REVIEW EPA
NEEDS LISTED BELOW AND OBTAIN JAPANESE REACTION.

2. EPA WANTS THE RESULTS OF EMISSIONS TESTS TO FULLY
DOCUMENT PERFORMANCE OF JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY. THE PRIMARY
TYPES OF INFORMATION NEEDED ARE AIR POLLUTANT EMISSION DATA,
INFORMATION RELATED TO GATHERING REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLES OF
EMISSIONS, GENERAL DESCRIPTIONS OF AIR POLLUTION CONTROL
SYSTEMS, INFORMATION ON THE OPERATING RELIABILITY OF AIR
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POLLUTION CONTROL SYSTEMS, AND COST DATA.

FFICIENT TIME (AT LEAST FOUR HOURS OF ACTUAL
OBSERVATIONS AT EACH PLANT) IS NEEDED TO GATHER DATA ON
VISIBLE EMISSION RELATING TO THE CHARGING OF COKE OVENS.
OBSERVATION OF THE PROCESS AND PROCESS INSTRUMENTATION WILL
BE RECORDED WHILE THE VISIBLE EMISSION DATA IS GATHERED.

INFORMATION AND DATA MUST BE GATHERED TO CONVINCINGLY

DEMONSTRATE THE LEVELS OF EMISSION CONTROL BEING ACHIEVED
AND TO DOCUMENT THE RAMIFICATIONS OF THE USE OF CONTROL
TECHNOLOGY IN THE UNITED STATES. WITHOUT THE DOCUMENTATION,

EPA WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FULLY RECOMMEND JAPANESE TECHNOLOGY
AS A BASIS FOR AIR POLLUTANT STANDARDS.

3. INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED BY EPA IN DEVELOPING
NATIONAL EMISSIONS STANDARDS FOR HAZARDOUS AIR POLLUTANTS
(NESHAPS), AND IN UPDATING LOWEST ACHIEVABLE EMISSION RATE
(LAER), BEST AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY (BACT), AND
STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP), RULES AND REGULATIONS,
AND IN DOCUMENTING EPA CONCERN THAT US STEEL INDUSTRY IS
NOT USING THE BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY.

4. RESPONDING TO SPECIFIC POINTS IN REF A:(A), EPA FEELS
THAT PHOTOGRAPHS ARE NECESSARY FOR DOCUMENTING THE PLANT
VISITS. AS A COMPROMISE, JAPANESE COULD TAKE PICTURES AND
THEN SELECT THE ONES TO BE RELEASED; (B) EPA AGREES THAT
MONITORING EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE USED DURING THIS INITIAL
VISIT; (C) THREE HOURS PER PLANT NOT ACCEPTABLE, MORE
TIME NEEDED FOR ACTUAL OBSERVATIONS, (D) EPA LOOKING INTO
POSSIBILITIES OF USING DR. GOTO'S SERVICES DURING VISIT;
WILL ADVISE EMBASSY ON DECISION.

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5. IF EMBASSY CONCURS, EPA IS WILLING TO SEND HIGH-LEVEL
DELEGATION (ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR LEVEL) TO MEET WITH
COUNTERPART GOJ OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS NEED FOR TECHNICAL
FOLLOW-UP VISIT. EPA BELIEVES THAT SUCCESSFUL EXCHANGE
OF INFORMATION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH MEETINGS WITH
GOJ OFFICIALS AT THIS LEVEL, MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND CON-
FUSION CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED, THUS CLEARING THE WAY FOR
TECHNICAL MONITORING TEAMS WHICH WOULD FOLLOW LATER.

6. EPA ALSO INTENDS TO INCLUDE THIS SUBJECT ON THE
AGENDA OF THE BILATERAL JOINT COMMISSION MEETING SEPT.
11-13 IN WASHINGTON. SAME HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION
OUTLINED PARA 5 ABOVE WOULD BE PRESENT TO OUTLINE EPA
OBJECTIVES.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT ON APPROACH OUTLINED
PARAS 2-5 ABOVE. CHRISTOPHER

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